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NEWS RELEASE

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY DEMOLITION

Tom Wargo, Chief Building Officer in the City's Building & Trades Division, reports that three bids were received to begin the emergency demolition of the bowed back wall of 107 Lemon Street. Prior to any work on this wall, the demolition company will be required to build an interior wall to support the adjacent building, 728A Franklin Street, a two unit, two story building. This will be done so that the current occupants of this building will not have to be displaced. Wargo is meeting with the owner of 107 Lemon Street later today, who is being given 24 hours to submit a plan for remediation on that building with a directive that demolition must be initiated no later than Monday, February 13.

In addition, Wargo also concluded yesterday that another building at 436 S. 6th Street will also have to be immediately demolished to avoid any potential danger to persons or property. He has also put out a bid for this demolition as well.

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